Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Each summer for 70 years, citizens of South Dakota have come to Hot Springs, South Dakota, to watch a group of young ladies compete in the Miss South Dakota Pageant for thousands of dollars in scholarships to our state institutions; and,

Whereas, Miss America is the number one scholarship program for women in the country, enabling those seeking a college education the opportunity to pursue it through the Miss America Foundation with over $44 million available for scholarships; and,

Whereas, Over the past 7 decades, 1,018 local title-holders have competed in the Miss South Dakota Pageant, averaging approximately 15 contestants per year, and the Miss South Dakota State University and Miss State Fair Pageants hold the record for having had the most Miss South Dakotas with 9 each, followed by Miss University of South Dakota with 7 and Miss Sioux Falls with 6; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has sent 31 vocalists to the Miss America Pageant along with 12 pianists, 10 interpretive readers, 6 dancers, 2 baton twirlers, 2 vocalists with guitar, 2 novelty acts, 2 flutists, 1 saxophone player, and 1 tumbler; and,

Whereas, It was in tribute to the late E. B. Adams, lawyer and prominent civic leader in Hot Springs, whose dream it was to have a "bigger and better beauty pageant" as a summertime replacement for the once-popular Larive Lake Water Carnival and Queen Contest which was discontinued in 1938, that the city of Hot Springs, in response to Miss America's call for nation-wide state representation, applied for and was granted the State Miss America Franchise in 1947; and,

Whereas, The city of Hot Springs, along with Seaside, Oregon, is the longest-running State Miss America Franchise-holder in the nation having hosted the state pageant for 70 consecutive years:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2016, as

MISS SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State